



Ministry General Information

Ministry Name	Presbytery	Synod
St Luke Presbyterian Church	Palo Duro	The Sun
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Mailing Address	Alternate Phone/Email	Community Type
3001 Bell St, Amarillo, TX 79106-5037		Small City
Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum at discretion of pastor/lay leaders	Average Worship Attendance
101-250 members		71
Church School Attendance		
12		
Intercultural Composition		
White: 88%, Black/African American/African: 8%, Hispanic/Latinx: 4%		

Information about the Position

Position Requirements

Position Type(s)	Language Requirements
Solo Pastor: Installed	English

Experience Required

No Experience/First Ordained Call

Statement of Faith required?

Yes

Specify Title / PT Work Hours (if applicable)

Pastor

Are you open to a clergy couple?

Yes

Employment Status

Full-time

Ministry Requirements

Church Mission/Vision Statement

As the people of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, we offer to God our hands of service, hands of faith, and open hands of love.

Tasks, expectations, duties, supervision, assignments, and responsibilities for the position

Working as a Solo Pastor: • Preach and teach. • Provide pastoral care. • Work in partnership with church staff. • Work alongside the Session and church committees. • Attend committee meetings as needed and when appropriate. • Ensure organized and efficient administration and communication. • Oversee the business of the church and obligations to the Presbytery and national office of PCUSA. • Engage with the strong lay leadership of the church. •

Ensure that all ministries of the church are being implemented consistently with our goals and objectives. • Research and introduce ideas, resources, and programs to further the ministries and effectiveness of our church within our walls and outside the church. • Train elders and other church leaders in providing pastoral care and leading in worship. • Promote an inclusive and participatory model of ministry. • Maintain life balance of pastoral duties, professional growth, and personal time.

Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary

65177

Housing Type

Manse

MDP - Narratives

List any links that support the answers to your narratives or highlights ministries within your church/organization.

St. Luke Presbyterian Church: www.stlukeamarillo.com

How will this call help complement the responsibilities of other staff/volunteer positions, and the life of the congregation/organization, so that you may accomplish your short and long-term goals for ministry?

An effective pastor for St. Luke can help bring focus, direction, and new ideas to all aspects of our vision statement. The pastor will help us grow into an even more present beacon of Christ's light in our community. They will work alongside our congregation to continue and to grow our outreach ministries. They will lead us in worship and challenge us spiritually to help our faith journeys. They will communicate with us how to be better stewards of God's creation and more earnest followers of Christ, helping us to better understand God's word. They will help us collaborate with our community partners to foster an even more loving and welcoming church. The pastor of St. Luke will be a true leader, listener, and teacher for not just our church, but in the community as well.

How would you describe the congregation's/organization's specific vision for ministry? How will this vision impact the community? Is the congregation part of a ministry vision or program?

In a diverse but conservative city where some groups are marginalized, St. Luke strives to live out our church's 3-part vision statement: "Hands of Service, Hands of Faith, Open Hands of Love." Hands of Service: St. Luke is a Matthew 25 church that supports and engages in multiple mission activities within the community of Amarillo. Hands of Faith: St. Luke facilitates theological seminars open to the public, maintains an interfaith relationship with our sister church, Johnson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, participates in Inter-faith worship with other faith communities, and has strong, committed lay leadership engaged in teaching and preaching. Open Hands of Love: Our welcoming doors are open to ALL of God's children. St. Luke is a More Light congregation and a founding member of Open and Affirming Congregations of the Texas Panhandle (OAC), a coalition of faith communities which have pledged to be safe spaces for the LGBTQIA+ communities. St. Luke is currently sharing our worship space with the newly chartered Amarillo United Methodist Church, formed after all the former UMC churches in Amarillo left the denomination.

Provide a description of the skills, gifts and training the person you hope will become a part of your ministry must have, to lead the congregation towards the vision and mission established.

- A strong leader who fosters the already healthy internal bonds of the congregation and seeks to know us as individuals as well.
- A caring, compassionate visitor and comforter to those in the hospital or ill at home.
- A confident listener who values varying points of view.
- A team builder and motivator who encourages the congregation to engage with the community, promoting relationships and helping to build God's kingdom on Earth.
- A pastor with a positive, optimistic outlook who enjoys relating with youth and children and will help us to grow this important segment of our church family.
- A preacher whose thoughtful sermons and messages encourage and enable spiritual growth in our congregation.
- An open, welcoming individual who is proactively on board with our commitment to acceptance in an often restrictive and oppressive world.
- A preacher who values liturgy and traditional worship while being open to creativity in worship.

What areas of ministry do you expect the person called to be responsible for? Share specific tasks, assignments, and programs.

It is understood that St. Luke's new pastor will fulfill the essential duties of pastoral leadership of a congregation blessed with strong lay leaders and committed members:

- Preaching and teaching to both seekers and the spiritually mature.
- Providing pastoral care.
- Working alongside the Session, church committees, and members to ensure organized and efficient administration and communication.
- Oversight of the business of the church and obligations to the Presbytery and national office of PCUSA.

As a pastor who is engaged in leadership by consensus rather mandate, specific expectations include:

- Recognize and provide, as needed and when appropriate, direction, support, and assistance to committees, ministry groups, and church leaders.
- Ensure that all ministries of the church are being implemented consistently with our goals and objectives.
- Research and introduce ideas, resources, and programs to further the ministries and effectiveness of our church within our walls and outside the church.
- Train elders and other church leaders in providing pastoral care and leading in worship.
- Promote an inclusive and participatory model of ministry that will serve our members and attract the unchurched into the

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church. • Find his/her/their life balance of pastoral duties, professional growth, and personal/family time.

What is the nature and context of the community in which your congregation lives out its mission/vision? How will you address the emerging needs that are impacting your community?

As we are blessed, we are called to be a blessing to others. St. Luke works actively to demonstrate Christ's love. Within our community of faith, we grow spiritually through: • Growing Adult Presbyterians (GAP) • LOGOS youth program • Children's Church • Men's prayer breakfast • Threads of Love • Presbyterian Women • Young at Heart • Bible studies • Congregational Care Beyond the walls of our church, we meet various needs in the community in diverse ways: • Members have become the PTA for Mesa Verde Elementary, which is a multi-ethnic, economically depressed public school in the Amarillo Independent School District. • Laundry Love, a high-impact mission project helping low-income people have clean clothing by paying their laundromat costs; a model for Palo Duro Presbytery. • Amarillo College Food Pantry • Eveline Rivers Coat Project • High Plains Food Bank • Meals on Wheels • Amarillo Chapter NAACP • Heal the City • Kind House Ukrainian Bakery, raising money to support Ukraine. • Organizations such as AA, a keyboarding group, and a craft club meet in our building regularly, and the Amarillo Area Transgender Advocacy Group has held events in our space. • St. Luke organizes and hosts an annual three-day seminar featuring nationally known religious thinkers and leaders, using our facility to offer enlightening and challenging spiritual learning opportunities. • We have been sharing our building with the newly chartered Amarillo United Methodist Church until they secure a permanent location.

Optional Links

City of
Amarillo - - <http://www.amarillo.gov>

City of
Canyon - - <http://www.canyontx.com>

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